

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,624 in view of Kotliar '652. The Examiner further rejects Claims 1-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,827,760. Without conceding to the appropriateness of the Examiner's particular double patenting rejections, Applicants respectfully submit a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to overcome such rejections. As such, Applicants submit that the present case is in a condition for allowance and requests the favorable consideration thereof by the Examiner. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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